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ASSOCIATION ELECTS ITS OFFICERS FOR YEAR

Report by Committee on Nominations Adopted by Acclamation.

SECOND PLACE TO TARHEEL

Times-Dispatch Correspondents Pay Tribute to Mr. Joseph Bryan, Owner of Paper.

PROMPTLY at 7 o'clock the committee on nominations, appointed by President Lofton at the morning session, reported the following schedule of names, the election of the entire list being made unanimous:

Vice-Presidents—J. A. Thomas, Louisville, Va.; C. S. Barrow, Lawrenceville, Va.; Colonel Phil F. Brown, Blue Ridge Springs, Va.; W. A. Land, Blacksburg, Va.; Mrs. Thomas P. Bagby, West Point, Va.

Recording Secretary—J. L. Hart, Farmville, Va.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Gertrude E. Sebrille, Boykins, Va.

Treasurer—Miss Lulu O. Andrews, State Female Normal School, Farmville, Va.

Executive Committee—A. P. Rovee, Fredericksburg, Va.; Dr. H. U. Stephenson, Toano, Va.; D. E. Stalnack, Weldon, N. C.; Charles H. Keyser, Washington, Va.; C. W. Taylor, Hanover, Va.

Committee on Constitution and By-Laws—Judge Martin Williams, Petersburg, Va.; Judge W. R. Barkdale, Houston, Va.; Judge J. F. West, Waverly, Va.; Captain Thomas D. Jeffers, Chase City, Va.; J. B. Faulkner, Esq., Urbanna, Va.

Committee on Program—Allen Potts, Richmond, Va.; W. B. Leslie, Tazewell, Va.; Percy L. Pruden, Suffolk, Va.; Mrs. J. H. Black, Crewe, Va.; Mrs. D. N. Walker, Louisa, Va.

Tribute to Mr. Bryan. Other business matters preliminary to the address of the Mayor and Governor were the action looking to a memorial to Mr. Joseph Bryan, and the reading of several letters of regret from absent members. Mr. John M. Holladay and Captain N. L. Shaw were appointed to escort the distinguished guests of the evening to the platform.

Mr. C. H. Keyser, of Washington, Va., suggested the propriety of taking suitable action on the death of Mr. Joseph Bryan, and after seconding speeches, a resolution was adopted providing for the appointment of a committee of three to draft suitable resolutions, and to place a wreath upon his grave in Emanuel Churchyard.

President Lofton announced as the committee Messrs. C. H. Keyser, F. H. Eubank, and Samuel L. Adams. A letter of invitation from R. E. Lee Camp, No. 1, Confederate Veterans, giving the freedom of its hall, No. 508 East Broad Street, to the visitors, and inviting them to view the portraits of Confederate officers on exhibition there were read, after which a recess was taken until 8 o'clock.

CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Interesting services to be held at Beth Abrahah To-Morrow Night.

The fourth anniversary of the dedication of the Beth Abrahah Synagogue will be celebrated to-morrow night. The congregation observed the anniversary of the dedication each year with an appropriate service in connection with the regular Sabbath evening service. Some of the most interesting features of the celebration will be reproduced by an augmented choir under the direction of Mr. E. N. Calais, who will occupy the pulpit and deliver the sermon, which will be on the subject "The Messianic Idea in Judaism." The public will be admitted to the service.

NEWSPAPER FOLK FORM NEW ORDER

Times-Dispatch Correspondents Organize, With Dr. Lucien Lofton President.

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ing from widely scattered points were as yet unacquainted.

A motion to have the president appoint the officers was voted down, after which a motion made by Mr. Hart, of Farmville, providing for the appointment of a nominating committee to report at 7 P. M., prevailed. President Lofton announced the following committee, of which the motion specified himself as chairman: Lucien Lofton, Emporia, Va.; E. Stalnack, Weldon, N. C.; J. L. Hart, Farmville, Va.; C. S. Barrow, Lawrenceville, Va.; Samuel L. Adams, Cluster Springs, Va., and Judge Martin Williams, Petersburg, Va.

Mr. Frank S. Woodson introduced to the president and association the youngest correspondent of record, John C. Parker, Jr., of Franklin, Southampton county, a thirteen-year-old boy, who was escorted to the platform amid applause. Mr. Percy L. Pruden, of Suffolk, acted as temporary secretary at the opening meeting.

Luncheon at the Jefferson. At 1:30 P. M. the visiting newspaper writers were entertained at a handsome buffet luncheon at the Jefferson Hotel, as the guests of the hotel management, all present standing for a group picture taken at the Franklin Street entrance to the hotel, just previous to the luncheon.

After the luncheon, a service of a plentiful and excellently prepared meal gave to all an hour or more of social intercourse, in which nearly every one was introduced to every other member present, and many pleasant acquaintanceships were made. Later Manager Fry, of the Jefferson, escorted his guests over the hotel, showing many rooms of tasteful furnishing, and with every appearance of elegance and comfort. Many of the guests spent the afternoon at the parlors and lobbies or in shopping expeditions or sightseeing tours into various sections of the city.

WILL HAVE HIS FREEDOM

Man Charged With Murder to Be Allowed Many Privileges by Jailer.

Evidence which tended to show that Arthur Carter (colored) was not altogether to blame for his attack on James H. Thornton, captain of the vessel Cherubim, yesterday caused United States Commissioner Fiesenhelm to turn the negro over to the King William county jailer, who is instructed to allow him the privilege of freedom until his case is called before a jury.

Carter, twenty years old, was a sailor on the ship. He and other negroes, according to the evidence, were engaged in holding an anchor, and because he did not work fast enough he was severely rebuked. Words followed, and the negro grabbed an axe. Others of the crew rushed to the aid of the anchor, and one of them was hurt in the scuffle.

The row occurred in the waters of York River and within the maritime jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. Carter will be tried at the February term. A charge of assaulting a jury is also lodged against the negro.

TEN YEARS FOR JOHNSON

Hustings Court Disposes of Several Criminal Cases on Docket.

Several criminal cases were disposed of in the Hustings Court yesterday morning. Willie Johnson, colored, indicted for malicious wounding, was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. His victim was Sarah Thornton. Three cases against Henderson Taylor, indicted for robbery, were continued to January 1st, upon motion of the prisoner. George Turner, was sentenced to three years on the roads upon conviction of grand larceny. Oia Wood was acquitted of the charge of grand larceny. George Hadley, convicted of assault and battery, was sentenced to sixty days in jail.

The Men Who Make the Paper.

Ho, all ye correspondents, ho! Ye agile story-writers, Ye tireless reporters and ye faithful day-and-nighters, Ye keen investigators—Ho! 'Tis proud we are to meet you! Don't all admit that you are it? Hip, hip, hooray, we greet you!

From Onancock in Accomack to Wise and Alleghany, Through all the two States' borders ye have sung the two States' glories, Ye busy men of brain and pen who find and write the stories!

Ye toil and strive for stuff that's live through hours without number, Ye sweep the State both soon and late, nor stay for food or slumber, Ye glean the news that men peruse at countless breakfast-tables, Nor ever pause to groan O Lawd's or Aint-it-dawd-Mabel's.

Then ho, ye correspondents, ho! There's something grand about you! What would we do if 'twere not for you?—how could we live without you? My Muse, I wot, swears we could not—and hence she makes this caper To give what's due to all of you—ye Men Who Make the Paper.

H. S. H.

NEWSPAPER PEOPLE ATTENDING CONVENTION

Correspondents whose names were registered yesterday at headquarters in Murphy's Hotel include the following:

Samuel L. Adams, Cluster Springs, Va. S. M. Alvis, Goshen, Va. Lulu O. Andrews, Farmville, Va. W. A. Apperman, Talleyville, Va. E. P. Brent, Lancaster, Va. E. A. Baugh, Belona, Va. Carrie O. Bailey, Middlethian, Va. A. L. Bentworth, Jr., Dewitt, Va. Miss Flossie Bristow, Saluda, Va. D. H. Brower, Crozet, Va. H. C. Becken, Scottsburg, Va. St. George Bryan, Richmond, Va. A. Bell, Culpeper, Va. W. F. Bagby, King and Queen Court-house, Va. Floyd Black, Pocahontas, Va. J. W. Burger, Natural Bridge, Va. J. W. Bullard, Radford, Va. T. M. Beverly, Freezing, Va. D. C. Ballard, Roanoke Rapids, N. C. Mrs. T. B. Bagby, West Point, Va. Phil F. Brown, Blue Ridge Springs, Va. C. W. Butterworth, Milford, Va. C. A. Boyce, Richmond, Va. J. S. Bryan, Richmond, Va. H. B. C. Bryant, Washington, D. C. H. B. Craven, Newbern, N. C. R. L. Cox, Schuyler, Va. Mrs. B. K. Cox, Rockville, Va. C. E. Chase, Clintwood, Va. W. P. Campbell, Stuarts Draft, Va. W. H. Carr, Bukski, Va. Mrs. N. B. Doherty, King Grove, Va. P. H. Eubank, Aetna Mills, Va. R. L. Faulkner, Urbanna, Va. R. S. Farrar, Scottsville, Va. C. M. Farmer, Berryville, Va. C. P. Fitzgerald, Richmond, Va. H. D. Ford, Richmond, Va. M. Forsyth, Richmond, Va. W. S. Fraser, Lahore, Va. V. B. Gaston, Winchester, Va. J. B. Grayson, Warrenton, Va. M. E. Gee, Meherrin, Va. C. B. Goodrick, Richmond, Va. B. B. Guchnauer, Upperville, Va. W. S. Goode, Potomac, Md. S. H. Va. S. F. Gilliland, South Boston, Va.

Mrs. J. H. Hines, Crewe, Va. John M. Holladay, Holladay, Va. A. W. Hicks, Spencer, N. C. T. B. Harris, Staunton, Va. J. L. Hart, Farmville, Va. John Hart, Richmond, Va. Miss Mabel C. Harris, Gladstone, Va. Mrs. Martha Harris, Gladstone, Va. Major R. W. Hunter, Richmond, Va. Henry S. Harrison, Richmond, Va. T. Humphreys, Sussex, Va. W. W. Haskins, Buckingham, Va. J. K. Irving, Richmond, Va. C. D. Jones, Beaver Dam, Va. C. F. Joynes, Windsor, Va. T. D. Kennedy, Kenbridge, Va. C. K. Keyser, Washington, Va. J. W. Kenney, Dillwyn, Va. J. W. Kinzer, Gladesboro, Va. Lucien Lofton, Emporia, Va. Mrs. Lucien Lofton, Emporia, Va. Miss Marjorie Lofton, Emporia, Va. W. B. Leslie, Tazewell, Va. E. S. Ligon, Richmond, Va. J. L. Martin, Raleigh, N. C. L. W. Morton, Eureka Mills, Va. A. R. W. Mackreth, Richmond, Va. Mrs. E. C. Morris, Jetersville, Va. Preston Morris, Jetersville, Va. J. B. Martin, Unionville, Va. J. A. Morse, Eagle Rock, Va. J. C. McLaughlin, Morrisville, Va. Charles McAllister, Lumberton, N. C. D. E. Nelson, Wingina, Va. F. Noland, Office, Va. J. H. Neese, Waynesboro, Va. Thad Price, Green Bay, Va. Percy L. Pruden, Suffolk, Va. C. L. Payne, Washington, N. C. S. R. Patton, Roccovetter, W. Va. R. Palmer, Richmond, Va. J. C. Parker, Jr., Franklin, Va. Allen Potts, Richmond, Va. C. B. Perkins, Wilmington, N. C. Percy L. Pruden, Suffolk, Va. V. P. Patterson, Sparta, Va. S. C. Mrs. W. A. Roberts, Norwood, Va. William M. Robins, Richmond, Va. Miss Annie M. Rhodes, Cartersville, Va. F. B. Richardson, Ivor, Va. A. E. Richardson, Dinwiddie, Va. Norman L. Shaw, Suffolk, Va. D. E. Stalnack, Weldon, N. C. H. W. Stephenson, M. D., Toano, Va. H. F. Slaven, Monterey, Va. J. A. Robinson, Durham, N. C. H. L. Smith, Davidson, N. C. J. F. Shelton, Bluefield, W. Va. M. B. Re Mine, Bristol, Tenn.

J. W. Shannon, Roanoke, Va. Edward L. Scott, Ashland, Va. Miss G. E. Sebrille, Boykins, Va. R. W. Simpson, Jr., Richmond, Va. W. B. Smith, Richmond, Va. C. N. Stacy, Amelia C. H., Va. L. M. Shepherd, Fullersville, Va. Mrs. S. G. Thompson, Montpelier, Va. C. M. Taylor, Hanover, Va. G. E. Thompson, Chatham, Va. Mrs. A. M. Tyler, Richmond, Va. Mrs. M. B. Turner, Highland, Springs, Va. S. W. Venable, Petersburg, Va. T. C. Valentine, Bowling Green, Va. P. R. Vaughan, Rue Depot, Va. Mrs. D. M. Walker, Louisa, Va. Edmund P. Waller, Fredericks Hall, Va. P. W. Williams, Baskerville, Va. W. L. Wilkenson, Tellington, Va. F. Willing, Irvington, Va. S. E. Warren, Pamphly City, Va. P. T. Watters, Abingdon, Va. H. C. Beckett, Scottsburg, Va. Martin Williams, Pearisburg, Va. Frank S. Woodson, Richmond, Va. McD. Williams, Richmond, Va. D. C. Wiltshire, Hyias, Va. G. A. Wilson, Jr., Cedarville, Va. J. A. Wright, Roxbury, Va. Charles T. Young, South Boston, Va.

JUDGMENT AWARDED

Mary Duke Recovers \$150 From Two Transfer Companies.

In a suit in the Circuit Court yesterday morning, Mary Duke, for damages from the receivers of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company and the Richmond Transfer Company, judgment was awarded to the plaintiff, \$50 from the Virginia Passenger and Power Company and \$100 from the Richmond Transfer Company. Agnes McCarthy, in her suit against the same two companies, was awarded \$75 from the Passenger and Power Company and \$150 from the Richmond Transfer Company.

Sitting-dinner-Carnal-Davis Co., suing John C. Gardner for \$225.15, were awarded that amount, subject to a claim of \$55.75. The judgment was reached by agreement of both plaintiff and defendant.

POLICE MONTHLY RECORD

Detentions Make Twenty-seven Arrests and Recover Much Stolen Property.

In the compilation of the police record for the month of November by Secretary George Pollock, it is shown that the police made 743 arrests, forty-six for felonies and 697 for misdemeanors. Out of the total, 351 were white; 451 colored. The stolen property recovered by the officers of the two districts amounts to \$729.50. The Second District getting the greater percentage. The detective force made twenty-seven arrests and recovered \$1,235.25 worth of stolen property. The record is one of the best the police have made.

OFFICERS ELECTED BY FIREMEN'S RELIEF ASSOCIATION

The Firemen's Relief Association met in the office of Chief Joyner last night and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, W. H. Joyner; Vice-President, George M. Rogers; Recording Secretary, C. A. Rawson; Financial Secretary, L. C. Minor; Treasurer, J. H. Hefley; Trustees, W. H. Joyner, N. R. Sheppard and J. H. Redwood; Auditing Committee, W. J. Lucas, David Whitlock and R. H. Pigg. Checks were reported from M. Rosenbloom & Son and the Call-Wait Company in recognition of the good work done at recent fires in their respective places.

GOV. SWANSON SPEAKS TO CORRESPONDENTS

PRESSES WHIRL AS THEY WATCH

Newspaper Writers See Special Edition Run Off for Their Benefit.

Up the chute the copy shot from the city room. 'Twas 10:15 o'clock. Sixty correspondents of The Times-Dispatch saw the foreman take the blue-pencil sheets from the box, on arrival at the fifth floor. Twice sixty-two eyes watched while the linotype operators put the words into type.

One hundred and twenty-four feet followed the galley boys into the make-up room. The preliminary operations in the making of four sheets of Virginia's greatest newspaper took but three minutes. In two minutes the forms were ready and had been wheeled into the stereotyping department.

The making of matrices and cast forms added three more minutes to the time taken. Nine minutes after the news writers had entered the building they had witnessed all but the actual printing of the paper. From the fifth floor to the pressrooms, in the basement, the correspondents were led.

Before their arrival the cast forms were ready for the big rotary press, and scarcely had the guests surrounded the machine than the wheels commenced to turn. A moment later papers were being turned out at a lightning clip, and the startled visitors were gazing at the big picture taken of themselves in the afternoon.

"Wonderful!" they exclaimed, as if in one voice. They had seen the make-up of a four-page edition, and their visit to the building had lasted but fifteen minutes.

ESCAPED FOOTPAD

Young Woman Held Up, But Negro Got Frightened and Ran.

As a sequence to other highway robberies, Miss Mamie Poirard, of Fairmount, was held up by a big black negro, between Venable and Carrington Streets Tuesday night. She was alone and unarmed. The negro approached and called to her to hold up her hands. Albeit frightened, she complied, and the negro was about to search her, when a white man came in sight. The footpad became alarmed and ran. Miss Poirard escaped from injury and robbery, but was seriously alarmed, and she had to be taken home.

Hear Dorset Case

The Corporation Commission yesterday heard evidence from persons opposing the application of the Southern Railway for the privilege of discontinuing its station at Dorset in Powhatan county, and reserved its decision. The company desires to abandon its station both at Granite and Dorset, and citizens in these respective communities have offered strong protest.

Reward Is Paid

Governor Swanson yesterday directed that a check for \$50 be sent to Sergeant J. G. Rogers, of Buena Vista, as a reward for the capture of Charles Thomas, who is now in jail in Buckingham, awaiting trial on the charge of holding a riot in that county.

The authorities of Buckingham have already paid the plucky officer who landed Thomas the sum of \$100.

Held Meeting To-Day

The chairman of the subcommittee on reception and entertainment of the American Historical Association will meet this afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Virginia Historical Society building. Others interested in the work of entertaining the convention are invited.

Mr. Grant in Hospital

Mr. W. H. Grant, Jr., is at the Virginia Hospital, where he will remain for a few days.

Tells Them The Times-Dispatch Is Powerful Factor for Uplift in Virginia.

MAYOR ADDS HIS TRIBUTE

Detained by Illness, President of Company Sends Greetings to His Field Staff.

With the Governor of the Commonwealth, the Mayor of the city and distinguished citizens on the platform, the correspondents of The Times-Dispatch heard last night a series of brilliant and informing addresses, marked with striking tributes to the power of the press, which never failed to bring prolonged applause. The Rev. D. M. Ramsey, D. D., pastor of the Grace Street Baptist Church, made the opening prayer, a thanksgiving for the great work of journalism in rebuking evil and advancing that which is right.

Owing to the indisposition of Mr. John Stewart Bryan, president of The Times-Dispatch Company, which prevented his being present, his address was read by Mr. Allen Potts, managing editor, who briefly conveyed Mr. Bryan's personal greetings to the field staff. Reviewing the history of the old Richmond Times up to the time of the consolidation of the morning papers in Richmond, Mr. Bryan expressed the view that the energy, faithfulness and capacity of the men who write the news is the prop on which depends the success of the paper. The aim of the paper, Mr. Bryan stated, was to develop the public welfare in Virginia and North Carolina and to fulfill the functions of a public forum for those whom the paper serves.

"The worst editor," said Mr. Bryan, "could not have the wide outlook of the outside representative in close, daily contact with the people of the State." He closed with inviting all members of the association to join with the management in reviving the old motto of the paper, "Let Virginia and Carolina prosper."

Governor Swanson's Address

Governor Swanson, in a brilliant effort, punctuated with almost continuous applause, made the hit of the evening, addressing the newspaper writers as the "makers and unmakers of Cabinets." In a humorous opening the Governor claimed membership in the fraternity of newspaper writers, having edited the Hanover and Carolina News in his college days.

"You fellows think you write some hot stuff," he said. "In my first editorial days my paper had to be printed on asbestos." It was in his newspaper life he said, that he got both his boldness, his dash and his modesty.

"The greatest wonder of modern civilization is the daily newspaper. In a half hour of time in the morning I can see all of the items of interest that have transpired to the uttermost parts of the world, chronicled in The Times-Dispatch. For 2 cents every part of the world where the cable and telegraph goes is brought to my front door in the shape of The Times-Dispatch. Politics, science, literature, progress in commercial development and all matters of interest are there, ready to my hand, all produced with the force of intellect and money and brains, coupled with every mechanical device known to human ingenuity. It is the cheapest thing for the money that can be bought in this country. The Sunday papers of our metropolitan press are wonders, each one a masterpiece of the production of modern civilization."

Character and Capacity

"There is an individuality in papers. While there are papers with less character and fairness than others, there is scarcely a paper in this country that does not in the long run do much more good than harm. The summary of its good will in almost every case exceed the evil. No class and no profession can surpass reporters on the

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Program For To-Day.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10TH.

Morning session called to order at 10 o'clock. Informal addresses and discussions by members of the association. Report of the executive committee. Report of the arrangement committee. Unfinished and new business.

Adjournment. 2:30 P. M.—Theatre party, guests of Times-Dispatch, or car ride, to points of interest about the city.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 5 O'CLOCK. Report of the committee on constitution. Report of the arrangement committee. Exchange of views from among the correspondents. Unfinished and new business.

Adjournment. Banquet at Murphy's Hotel, 8 o'clock, guests of Times-Dispatch. Addresses by Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, president University of Virginia, and Dr. George H. Denny, president of Washington and Lee.